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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Mary J. BOSSARD et al.

Examiner:

Robert B. MONDESI

Serial No.: 10/789,956

Art Unit:

1653

Filed: February 26, 2004

Title: POLYMER-FACTOR VIII MOIETY CONJUGATES

Fees only

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
INCLUDING REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2005, received in connection with the above-identified patent application. As this Amendment is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period, no extension fees are due.

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XII. The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly raising an issue related to indefiniteness. Specifically, the Examiner has taken this position in view of claim 1's recitation of the phrase "at least about."

As the phrase this phrase has been removed (without prejudice) from claim 1, reconsideration and removal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, are respectfully requested.

XIII. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the pending claims satisfy the requirements of patentability and are therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections are respectfully requested and a prompt mailing of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 500348.

If a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (650) 620-5506.

Respectfully submitted,
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